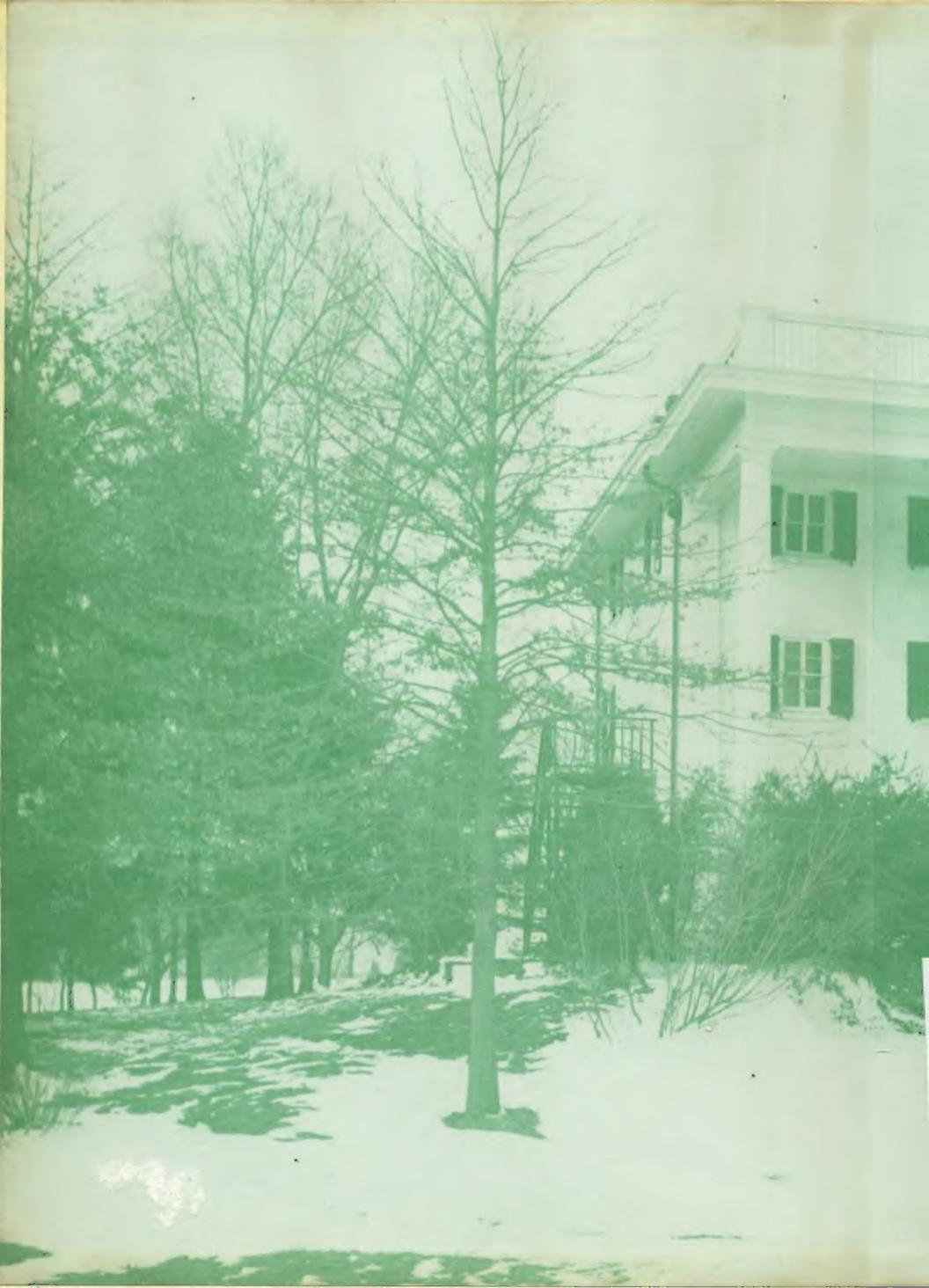
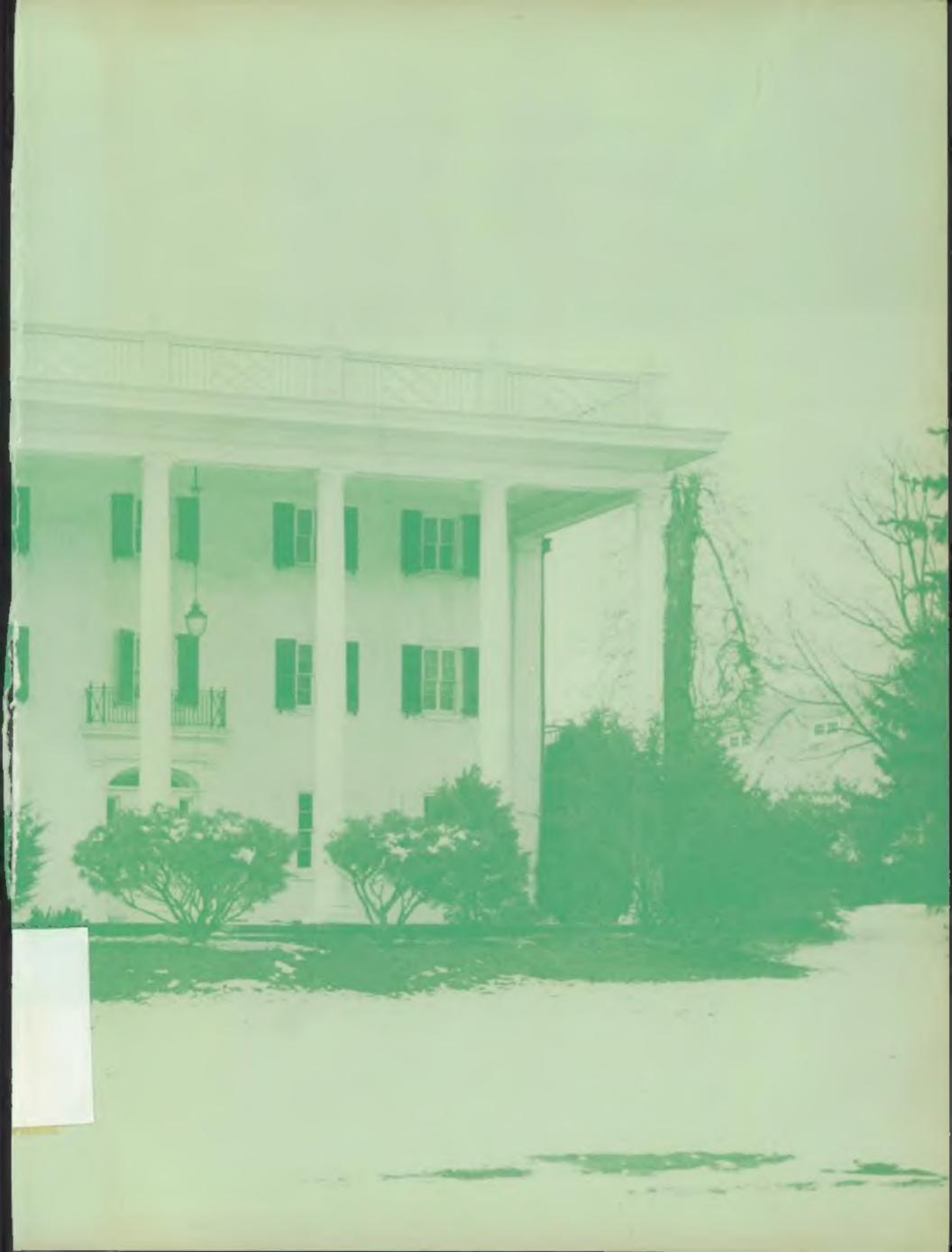


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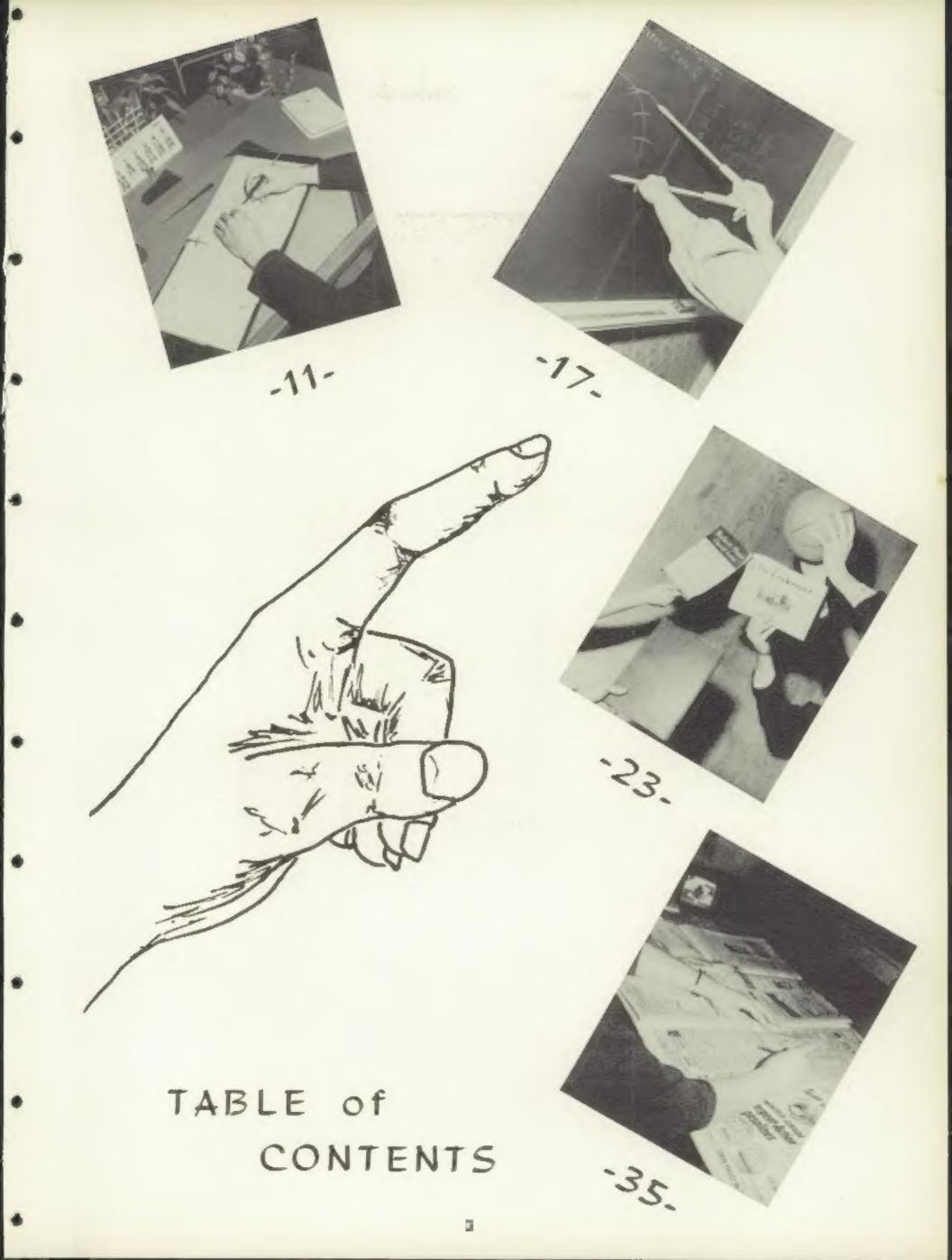


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#### FOREWORD

The students of Christopher Dock Mennonite School herewith present the first issue of the SHUL-ANDENKEN. The SHUL-ANDENKEN, German for school memories or thinking about school, records the activities of the 1954-55 school year.

We present the administration, students, activities, and patrons of our school. Because we have no graduating class this year, we have stressed the historical aspects of the school's founding and of the school property.

We trust that you will become better acquainted with the school with our yearbook as your guide.

#### IN DEDICATION-



#### -TO OUR PARENTS

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IN THE INTEREST OF. . .

CHRISTOPHER DOCK MENNONITE SCHOOL



The large, three-story, rectangular house was beautified by Mr. J. Carroll Johnston and now serves as the school Administration Building, pictured on the frontispiece.

In the first years of the 18th centruy, Jan Lukens, a Dutch settler, purchased a 500-acre tract, east of what has since become Kulpsville. Christopher Dock Mennonite School is situated on forty acres of this historic land.

Old spring house which was restored by Mr. Johnston.

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Entrance to old farm before improvements by school.

The farm estate, which in its renovated form comprises the school plant, was purchased by the Franconia Mennonite Conference in 1952 from Mr. J. Carroll Johnston, of Lansdale, who had virtually transformed the buildings and grounds during his ownership.

Present driveway entrance bordered by Norway spruce.

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Large barn with adjoining cross barn, before school alterations and additions.



In addition to the Administration Building, a remodeled and enlarged barn was planned to provide auditorium, gymnasium, classroom, locker and shower-room facilities, and space for a kitchen and cafeteria to be completed this year.



Conrad Grebel Hall, the largest building unit on the school grounds.

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The strongly-built five-car garage with upstairs a part ment was repatterned into a Science and Home Economics Building.



Christopher Dock Mennonite School opened officially on September 15, 1954, with an enrollment of 115 students, representing thurty-one church congregations, most of them Mennonite.

The school was dedicated on December 19, 1954, to the Christian education of youth for the service of Christ.



Science Building, used by chemistry, biology, and science classes.

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The ending of the first school year at Christopher Dock Mennonite School is the signal for us to return to our Bethel to lift our hands to the throne with rejoicing and praise and to reconsecrate our efforts that our youth may find Christian maturity in all of life's ways.

Our Lord has led marvelously. After showing us around islands of doubts, He pointed to the spot which now has become the site of our school. Immediately there seemed to be unanimous love for it. Then the need for building plans and able teachers, considerations of parent and pupil concerns, and the financial problem loomed before us like mountains. Our Lord graciously bore us up on eagle's wings until we were over the steeps on higher ground and in a clearer atmosphere.

We lift our hands in prayers of thanksgiving for the efforts of the many other hands who have contributed to what we believe will be of eternal value.

--Paul Ciemens, President
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#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students,

I find no better words for my message to you than the challenge of the Apostle James:

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror. For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straight-way forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whose looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed,"

James 1:22-25

You have seen, you have heard, you have learned, you have experienced-you know the way of truth. It remains for you

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#### JUNIORS

The Junior class was the first to take a trip. A visit to the resplendent General Motors "Motorama" was the highlight of this major class outing. Attending a meeting of the Trusteeship Council at the Umted Nations building also proved interesting, for by putting on earphones and flicking switches one could listen to the discussion in French, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, and, for the less erudite, English.

Various potent maxtures concocted by the chemists of the class sometimes irritated the nostrils of other classmates. However, the chemists stoutly declared that all must bear such annoyances willingly for the cause of science.

Some students lamented their plight as geometry students; others wrote secret notes in shorthand, and Mr. Hess repeatedly said, "Dan, that's a good question"; but sitting at the wheel of the Dodge during Driver Education class proved most interesting. Even the ladies can now identify the distributor and carburetor and can change a tire!



FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Betty Gahman, Rachel Meyers, Eleanor Detweiler, Emily Shisler, Lorene Godshall, Audrey Metz, Gloria Moyer, Louise Derstine, Eileen Moyer, Irma Gahman, Grace Meyers, Beula Moyer, Esther Mack. SECOND ROW: Elmer Brunk, Harold Alderfer, Mark Stinley, Fern Moyer, Ruth Beryl Martin, Edith Derstine, Sylvia Alderfer, Laverne Hendricks, Joseph Cressman, Jacob Rittenhouse, Merle Stutzman. THIRD ROW: John Derstine, Richard Benner, Marvin Anders, James Derstine, Paul Clemens, Donald Clemens, Samuel Lapp, Glenn Freed, Curtis Kratz, Kenneth Erb, Leon Alderfer, Clayton Gotwals.

#### SOPHOMORES

Mix together thirty-seven students and one homeroom teacher, preferably Mr. Hess. Add liberal portions of grammar, literature, biology, history, German, typing, algebra, and music. Stir occasionally, Sprinkle carefully with chapel periods, baskethall games, and evening socials. After one semester check your results. You should find one well-informed sophomore class capable of conducting student chapels, directing chorus, tearing down incinerators, and devouring huge quantities of food at any social.

Watch closely. After a summer of work and relaxation, this class will provide musicians, chemists, stenographers, school officers, and other responsible leaders.

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#### FRESHMEN

On September 15, fifty-two freshmen filed into G-3 on the first leg of a four-year journey.

Class members participated enthusiastically in the intramural basketball tournament. The basket-ball five were the victors in the first meeting with the sophomore quintet although they bowed to the jumors. Dennis Hackman was the champion of the freshman class and the school in the Blockhead Tournament.

The first social was held on the school grounds with baseball providing the recreation; a doggie roast and a short program rounded out the evening. At the second social the boys' and girls' basketball games were followed by a balloon contest, an impromptu program, and refreshments.

The class plans to build a footbridge across the stream in front of the Administration Building as a school project.



FIRST ROW, Left to Right. Glenn Alderfer, Elaine Mover, Doris Long, Joan Souder, Anna Derstine, Kay Keller, Betty Jine Landes, Darlene Beidler, Mary Godshall, Eileen Gahman, Lorraine Detweiler, Larry Landis, SECOND ROW: Jay Moyer, Dennis Hackman, Leonard Ruth, Merrill Hunsberger, William Bergey, Leroy Halteman, Alan Alderfer, Merrill Histand, Norman Histand, David Rittenhouse.

#### FRESHMEN

Absent when pictures were taken: FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Mary Beatty, Carrie Noble, Grace Alderfer, SECOND ROW-Dorothy Kolb, George Derstine, Robert Detweiler, Alma Halteman.





#### SOPHOMORES

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#### CLASS OFFICERS

#### JUNIORS



#### FRESHMEN

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## SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER	15	First day of school
OCTOBER	1	Ninth grade social
	8	Tenth and eleventh baseball game
	12	Installation of class officers
	19	Installation of newspaper and yearbook staffs
	29	Tenth grade social at Mr. Hess's home
NOVEMBER	1	School day out at Washington's Crossing
	14	Chorus program at Worcester
	16	Box lunch auction
	20	Open House
	22	Open House
	29	Evening classes began
DECEMBER	2	Eleventh grade social at Mr. Clemen's home
	6-11	Missions Week
		Ivins Steinhauer
		Betty and Aaron King
		Paul Miller
		Irene Bishop
		Raymond Charles
	11-12	Work days for benefit of missions
	18	Youth meeting - A Cappella Chorus sang
	19	Dedication of school Paul Lederach, speaker
	22	Christmas social (caroling)
	23	End of soap drive for Jordan
	24	Christmas vacation began





### CALENDAR

DECEMBER	29	Sophomore social when incinerator was torn down.
JANUARY	3	Christmas vacation ended
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	13	Tenth and eleventh basketball game
	20-22	I-W Conference
	25	Junior trip to New York
FEBRUARY	8	Indian speaker
	7-11	Courtesy Week
		Mrs. Mary Lederach
	16	Blockhead Toumament finals Dennis
		Hackman, winner
	20	Chorus program at Deep Run
MARCH	2	Tenth grade social at Audrey Metz's home
	3	Eleventh grade social at David Brunner's home
	4	Tenth and eleventh girls ' basketball game
	11	Ninth and tenth basketball game
	13	Chorus program at Towamencin
	15	St. Patrick's school social
	20	School program at Plain
APRIL	8-11	Easter vacation
	29	A Cappella Chorus tour to Ohio for four days
MAY	7-8	Music Conference
JUNE	1.0	Last day of school.

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#### STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council of Christopher Dock Mennonite School is composed of eighteen students and the faculty sponsor. The majority of student members are elected to office by the student body.

The Council operates through five committees, each of which has its responsibility in a designated area of school life. The executive committee consists of the Council president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, secretary and treasurer. It promotes the work of Student Council through over all direction and through such media as bulletin-board displays.

The Council's purpose is to build strong school spirit by providing wholesome and positive activity for the student body and to act in cooperation with the faculty in promoting the total program.

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#### A CAPPELLA CHORUS

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands Serve the Lord with gladness Come before his presence with singing."

After the tryouts for A Cappella Chorus, the students anxiously awaited the results of their efforts. The list was posted, and thirty freshmen, sophomores, and juniors began meeting with Mr. Hershey, the director.

The Chorus had been organized a short time and had had only a few weeks of practice when the first program was given at Rocky Ridge Young People's Meeting. The chorus members conducted the program at Worcester in October. Our songs for the dedication program on December 19 centered around the birth of Christ. At the youth meeting on the Saturday evening before, the group sangthe stirring praise hymn, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings flow."

It was a gala day when the chorus first learned of plans for a spring tour. Extra practice sessions, memorizing, and good scholastic standing are required of those who are members of this fouring group.



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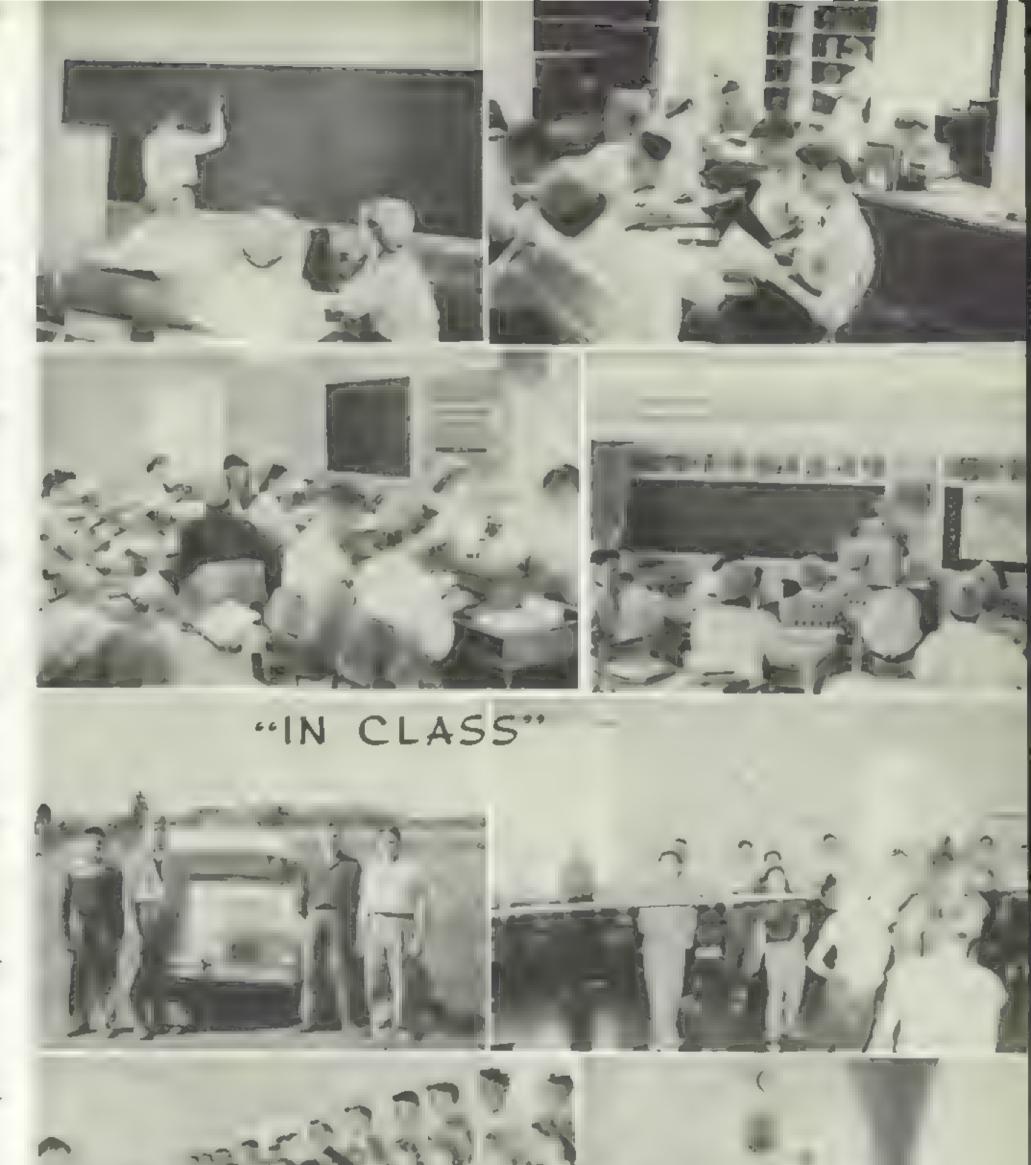
Whether it's the "Passion Chorale" or "Jerusalem, my Happy Home," you want to hear, stop at the auditorium and you can listen to the Mixed Chorus sing these selections. The group is made up of students who enjoy singing and who want to learn some of the beautiful but unfamiliar hymns of our CHURCH HYMNAL.

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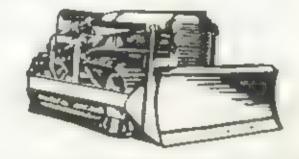
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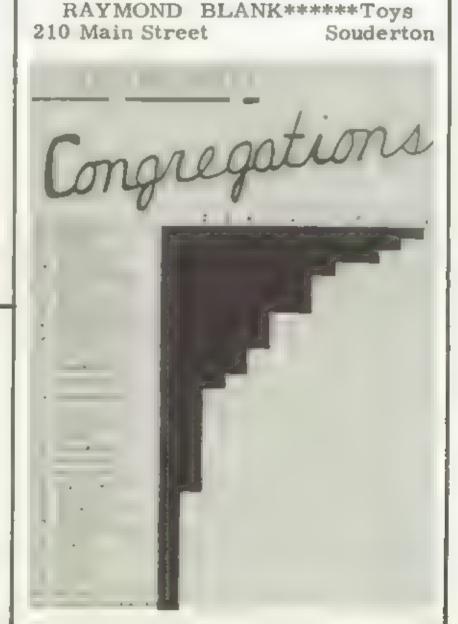
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